

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Hacker et al.

Application No. 10/525,558



Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Michele Joike

Priority claimed from: PCT/EP2004/006886 (filed June 25, 2004) and
German application 103 28 669.1 (filed June 26, 2003)

Filed: February 24 2005

For: Plasmid-Free Clone of E. Coli Strain DSM6601

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June 22, 2009

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks. **Concurrent with the filing of this Amendment, we submit a request for interview with the Examiner. It is requested that an interview between the Examiner and the applicant's representative be conducted prior to official action on this Amendment.**

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